

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 3 through 18 continue to be in the case.

New claim 19 is being introduced. The new claim 19 are based on the language of claim 5.

The Office Action refers to Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. Claim 1-4 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 1,888,055 to Tobin et al. in view of U.S. Patent No 3,866,378 to Kessler. Regarding claims 1-4, Tobin et al. discloses a roof shingle comprising a shingle neck (11 an fig. 3) and a shingle body (10 an fig. 3).

New claim 19 is being introduced. Claim 19 excludes the additional features of the references Tobin and Kessler and thereby patentably distinguishes over these references.

Reconsideration of all outstanding rejections is respectfully requested.

All claims as presently submitted are deemed to be in form for allowance and an early notice of allowance is earnestly solicited.

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